

## Highways, Bridges, Broadband, and Airports

- Louisiana received about \$768 million in federal highway formula dollars in 2021. **Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, Louisiana can expect to receive 50% more in 2022.** The infrastructure bill will also create a \$8.7 billion program to help states improve resiliency of transportation infrastructure, evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal areas.
- \$40 billion investment in bridges across the country. In Louisiana, 12% of bridges are in poor or worse condition.
- Authorizes I-14 Corridor to run from Georgia to Texas, which will include stops in Leesville and Alexandria continuing through Natchez Mississippi and Alabama up to Augusta, Georgia.
- Permitting will be streamlined to reduce paperwork and get projects done. One Federal Decision will reduce permit wait times to less than 2 years.
- \$7.5 billion for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grants (RAISE Grants formerly known as BUILD Grants), which support transportation projects of local and regional significance up to \$25 million. It also will provide \$8 billion in Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grants (INFRA Grants), which support major highway and freight projects, an increase of \$3.5 billion over five years.
- \$100 million for asset recycling and technical assistance for public-private partnerships. This funding will provide communities with resources to take advantage of private investment in infrastructure assets. Louisiana can also take advantage of TIFIA loans. These loans, provided by the Department of Transportation, can assist communities developing road, transit, rail, and port projects, and under this legislation, funds will now be available for airport projects.
- 🤽 \$65 billion in grants for broadband deployment.
- \$25 billion for airport improvement projects such as terminal expansions, assistance with planning, rebuilding runways, improving lighting, and funding air navigation facilities throughout the state.
  - \$20 billion is set aside for "airside projects"
    - <u>Formula Funding</u> \$15 billion (\$3 billion/year) over five years for grants for airports to use for Airport Improvement Program.
    - <u>Discretionary Funding</u> \$5 billion (\$1 billion/year) over 5 years for the Airport Terminal Program. Ensures terminal projects at small hub airports, non-hub, and non-primary airports receive funding.
  - o \$5 billion is set aside for FAA air traffic control infrastructure and facilities.

